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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

To: Assistant Director for Research and Reports

Date: 12 December 1951

From: [redacted] 25X1A9a

Subject: Progress Report on O/RR Field Team

1. Since our last report dated 27 November we have established new contacts and have followed up on contacts made earlier. The following resume of our activities is submitted below in two parts: (A) work with groups where initial contacts were described in our last report and (B) new contacts.

Continuing Contacts

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2. [redacted] Work was devoted primarily to reviewing reports in progress and giving guidance to interrogators and editors. [redacted] interrogated A 25X1A9a [redacted] trade in machinery, a report of which has been written up and will be published shortly.

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3. [redacted] I continued my efforts, through my business friends in [redacted] to establish contacts for [redacted]

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4. [redacted] spent a day at [redacted] talking with [redacted] economic intelligence; [redacted] Industrial Card File; and Mr. 25X1A9a [redacted] scientific and technical.

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a. [redacted] concerns itself primarily with the collection of strategic intelligence, and within this field economics has a high priority. Within the field of economics, the Army has given first priority to transportation, communications, optical, armaments, explosives, motor vehicles, and construction. Other industries such as ferrous metallurgy and machinery rate a secondary priority. [redacted] assert, however, that good PW sources in other economic fields are exploited at the Interrogation Center, but that processing of these reports would be done after those on priority subjects.

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25X1A6a b. In the processing of reports at [redacted] specific requirements from Department of the Army in Washington receive first priority, followed by theater requirements, and lastly overall subject priorities mentioned above. If CIA, therefore, desires prompt field action on subjects not included in the Army's priority list, it should submit collection requirements to ID. This appears to be one method for focusing attention of field collection groups on the subjects on which ORR is writing basic studies.

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25X1A6a c. [redacted] welcomes specific requirements, as opposed to general collection guides, from Washington. [redacted] claim that lack of specific guidance has made it necessary for them to set up their own files such as ICF and city questionnaires for use in preparing interrogation briefs for particular sources and in checking the accuracy of reports prior to publication.

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d. In our last report we mentioned that we had prepared written requirements for an [redacted] who was a guest at [redacted] We were 25X1A6a subsequently informed that [redacted] had kept this source in camp for two days after the date scheduled for his departure in order that he could answer our requirements. His report is now being translated at [redacted] 25X1A6a

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5. [REDACTED] We called on Col. Richard Stuart, Chief, Collection Division, A-2, USAFE and explained our mission. He introduced us to the officer in charge of the Tactical Targets Branch, a group similar to Targets Research Branch in Washington, which works only on railroads, bridges, and other tactical targets in the Satellites and Western Europe. This combined area for purposes of target analysis has been divided into three parts and allocated to the RAF, U. S. Navy, and U.S. Air Force, respectively. USAFE is responsible for more than three thousand selected targets in its allotted area. We were also introduced to the Air Technical Liaison Officer who is operationally under Wright Field and has a group of more than 40 technical specialists attached to the various [REDACTED] These include experts in the fields of electronics, jet engines, aerodynamics, and production equipment. [REDACTED] talked with Capt. Drown, the production equipment specialist, and expects to have continuing contact with him as regards specialized machine tools used in the aircraft industry.

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6. [REDACTED] On 6 December I visited [REDACTED] headquarters and talked to General McClure, Chief Intelligence Division and his deputy Col. Adams. They offered us the services of the Army in connection with our mission, and I assured them that we were already making use of some of the Army's facilities such as [REDACTED]

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7. [REDACTED] I spent 10 December in [REDACTED] as a guest of the so-called [REDACTED] I was greatly impressed [REDACTED] by this unique establishment. Actually it is a school which provides two years of intensive training in the Russian language coupled with the advanced study of the military, political and economic structure of the Soviet Union and its European satellites. I am attaching a copy of the school's Academic Program 1951-53 (Enclosure 1).

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b. The school faculty is composed of Russian D. P's with excellent educational and practical background. I met and talked with two of their economist and technical people, [REDACTED] (highway engineer) and [REDACTED] (economist and food specialist). Another economist by the name of [REDACTED] was absent, but I obtained and am enclosing a list of some of his studies (Enclosure 2) which could be had by ORR. If interested, please let us know which studies should be procured.

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4. Lt. Col. Alfred Martin is the C. O. and Major Charles J. Whitmire is his adjutant. The entire course is conducted in the Russian language and I am told its graduates really become excellent area specialists. It is equipped with an excellent library and somehow manages to procure the latest Soviet periodicals and books two and three weeks after they are published in the USSR. I have been given the name of their procurement source which may prove very useful to our team.

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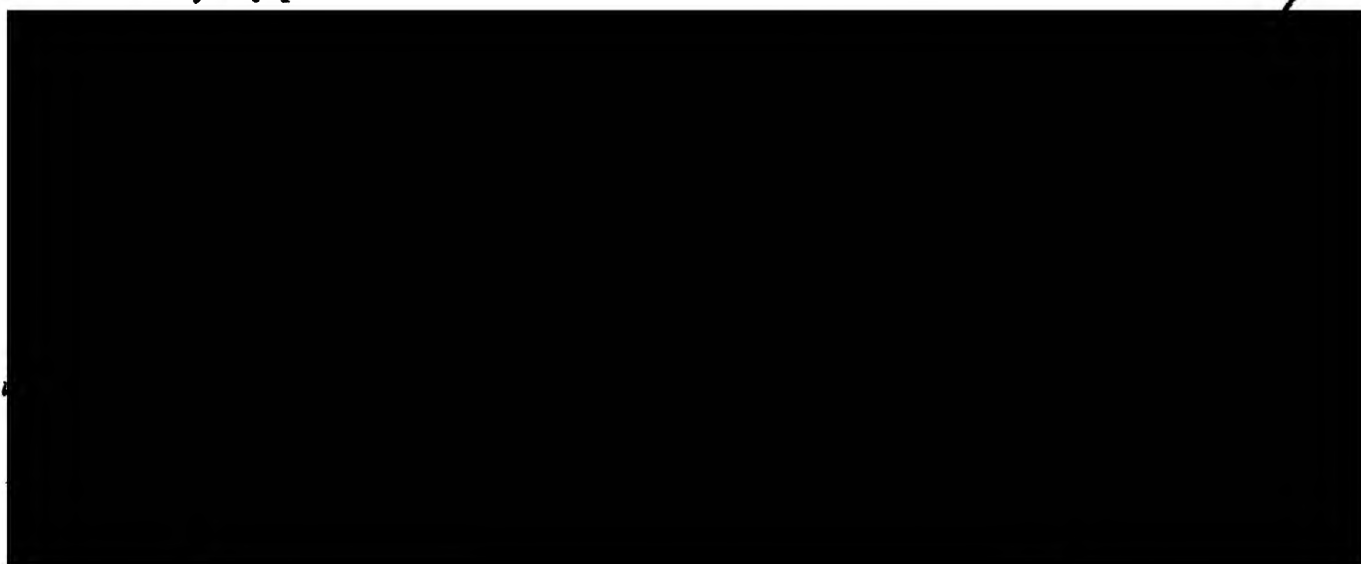
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d. A great deal of basic economic research has been done at the school both by the faculty and the students. With a view to fully exploiting this source I believe it would be most desirable to attach to this school one of the team members (must be Russian speaking) for several weeks. In addition to utilizing this school for intelligence purposes, I feel strongly that it would be an ideal place to train some of our younger men for a specialized career. I might add that Col. Martin and Major Whitmire would be most happy to serve us in every way possible.

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9. [REDACTED] 25X1A6a 25X1A625X1X6

25X1X6 25X1A9a a. On 5 December [REDACTED] and I visited [REDACTED] and talked with [REDACTED]. We were received most cordially, and the display of interest and cooperation by these two high-caliber people was most gratifying.

25X1X6 25X1A6a b. [REDACTED] is the economist of [REDACTED]. Their work in the economic field is limited primarily to economic data required by the Sponge Briefs, chiefly prices and standard of living. Since some of their sources have specialized economic information which may be of no particular interest to [REDACTED], 25X1A6a 25X1X6 [REDACTED] offered to channel such people to the ORR team. Specifically, they referred us to a former Soviet metallurgist now residing [REDACTED] 25X1C

25X1A6a 25X1X6 c. While we were there, [REDACTED] made arrangements by telephone for my visit to [REDACTED] which he was able to do because of his friendship with the Adjutant, Major Whitmire.

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25X1A6a 25X1A9a a. I visited [REDACTED] on 30 November. He was most interested in learning the purpose and functions of the O/RR team and hoped we could be of assistance to [REDACTED] in their economic warfare operations.

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b. He invited me to attend a meeting of his chiefs in [REDACTED] later this month at which time I would be given an opportunity to brief them on our mission.

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25X1A9a a. As arranged by [REDACTED] I called on [REDACTED] 25X1A9a and also met his deputy, [REDACTED] As a result of our discussion the following has been agreed upon:

25X1A8a (1) [REDACTED] will call on us for interrogation or interview of persons possessing economic information, particularly when the information is of a highly specialized nature. Reports resulting from such interviews will be published through [REDACTED] 25X1A6a

(2) Whenever we located a good source of basic information we may exploit him provided we clear it with [REDACTED] 25X1A8a

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b. A memorandum has been submitted to [REDACTED] outlining the functions of the O/RR team. This he has agreed to circularize throughout his various 25X1A8a offices in [REDACTED] In this manner our presence will be advertised to all 25X1A6a personnel.

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25X1A9a 12. [REDACTED] and I visited 25X1A6a [REDACTED] at his office in the [REDACTED] and outlined our mission. [REDACTED] 25X1A9a had little to say other than to ask why we had established headquarters at [REDACTED] 25X1A6a

25X1A6a rather than in the [REDACTED] he stated, was 25X1C concentrating primarily on the Soviet Zone of Germany and secondarily on the other Satellites. There is little emphasis on economic intelligence due to personnel 25X1A9a limitations (there are only two analysts in addition to [REDACTED] 25X1C and the work that is done is limited to overall production plans and accomplishments. [REDACTED] is now, of course, under CIA rather than [REDACTED] 25X1C

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13. I shall be returning to Washington on 22 December.

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